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August 2, 2004

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Mr. Brad Bradley
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 63 (July 2004)

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during July 2004.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On July 8, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.
- On July 19, 2004, the Group's project coordinator and EPA's project manager discussed the addresses of three remote fill properties that were shown on the map that EPA had previously provided for inclusion in the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Work Plan. On July 20, 2004, the Group's project coordinator communicated the information provided by EPA to the Madison County Community Development Agency for use in conjunction with SEP activities.
- During July 2004, the Group's project coordinator was advised by EPA's project manager that some erosion had occurred on the cap of the Taracorp pile. The Group's project coordinator advised ENTACT and initiated efforts to address the situation.



- During July 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency continued to prepare for the public kick-off event related to the implementation of the SEP.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As reported in the previous monthly progress report, ENTACT remobilized to the site in June 2004 and completed repairs to erosion areas on the Taracorp pile cap. Based upon information provided by EPA's project manager in July 2004, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will inspect the site in August 2004 and initiate efforts to address any erosion that may have occurred since the June 2004 repairs were completed.
- Upon receipt of "model language" from EPA, the Group will continue efforts to establish institutional controls for the Taracorp pile property.
- The Group and the Madison County Community Development Agency will address comments, if any, from EPA on the revised SEP Work Plan submitted to EPA in June 2004. The Group also anticipates that the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to prepare for a kick-off event for the SEP.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- The Madison County Community Development Agency will provide its schedule for the SEP kick-off event upon receipt of EPA's response and final approval of the Madison County Community Development Agency's June 2004 SEP Work Plan.

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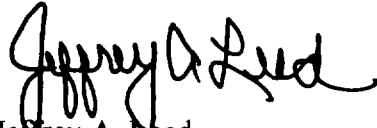
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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